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HOT AIR - The first full-blown Santa Ana condition of the year brought temperatures in the 80's and winds gusting to 48 m.p.h. to Orange County. Although not evident at SAC, nearly 30,000 customers of Southern Calif. Edison were without power for varying periods of time.

Open-entry classes are available, individualized for SAC veterans

by Jerri Ash

In the past, discharged veterans who knocked on SAC's door for entry were denied admission until the following semester.

In Spring of 1973, a plan became functional at SAC to allow veterans to enter college in an on-going semester. The program known as Veterans Refresher Program (VRP), allows the person to enroll in open-entry classes and receive credit according to time spent in that class.

VRP is an asset for the vets as they try to make the transition into college life. Establishing VRP on an open-entry basis enables them to be admitted into college while their educational and vocational

desires are strong.

Rick Wallace, SAC veterans counselor, sees the program as something very worthwhile, primarily because a veteran can enroll without waiting for the next semester. "One of the most beneficial things is that classes under VRP are individualized or self-paced, which means the veteran doesn't have to catch up with the rest of the class. He's not competing," noted Wallace.

Robert Ash, veterans affairs officer, said that the program is also very successful because of the instructor's patience and understanding. "It's not easy to have students enrolling in your class all during the semester," he commented.

To know if a program of this nature is successful in achieving

its goals, feedback is necessary to determine its progress.

In a confidential survey taken by the Veterans Administration, William K., who attended SAC in Spring '75, wrote that he had heard of VRP through the Veterans Outreach mail. "The program formed a bridge for me. It enabled me to pursue a college education," he wrote.

Robert M., who attended in Spring of '44 felt that the classes should have offered even more individualized help than they did.

Veteran Larry J. thought that the idea of such a plan was good but that it should have been broadened to include more classes.

Presently, only basic English, reading, math, communications and guidance classes are offered.

Ash commented that he would like to see more classes available on an open-entry basis.

Campus chili-eaters ready for 2nd battle of beans

by Smith Pineo

A four-man team representing SAC will attempt to eat its way to victory tomorrow in the 2nd annual chili-eating contest sponsored by Orange County colleges.

The event will be held at Bean's restaurant in the South Coast Village in Costa Mesa at 3 p.m.

This year's chili-munching squad will be selected from several hopefully gluttonous individuals who signed up to pig-out in defense of the championship status we gained when our team gorged to triumph last year.

Most of those who put their names on the list of potential devourers did so for reasons other than the vast assortment of prizes offered.

John Tehan Jr. said, "It sounded like it would be fun." He added that the prizes gave him additional incentive to ready himself for the event.

"Frankly, I don't get a chance to eat a lot," commented John Brickner, "the contest offers a free meal, and I like chili." He said that he and other contest hopefuls practiced by "eating chili after dinner."

School spiritedness was the motivating factor for Richard Howard's entrance in the chow-down. He said he practiced scarfing the hot Mexican stew to acquire a taste for it and "to get my stomach ready."

Last year SAC won the first-prize trophy and Gary "Tiny" Maund received one, too, for meritorious individual gluttony. Maund ate nine-and-a-half pounds of chili to become Orange County's top college chili-muncher.

This year the man who consumes the most will walk off (if he can) with a new 10-speed bicycle, a \$40 tennis racket (to give the victor a chance to work off those extra pounds), \$50 worth of records and five dinners at a ritzy restaurant.

"It's all foolishness," said Don McCain, director of Student Activities, "but if you can't have fun at college, what's the point?"

Progress report submitted to RSCCD Board of Trustees

by John Barna

Information concerning the second campus site and statewide actions by various organizations over Gov. Brown's recent statements was presented to the RSCCD Board of Trustees last Monday evening.

Dr. Vernon Armstrong, administrative dean of Planning and Development, gave a brief progress report on where the district stands in terms of the procedures yet to be taken on the Orange/Canyon site acquisition. Negotiations are still continuing between the school and the Irvine Company. The actual boundaries of the desired locale and the proposed road changes in the area are not finalized.

The next major steps to be pursued involve receiving state approval and funding to buy the needed location and the development of a Project Planning Guide which will delineate the kinds of facilities that are anticipated in the long range growth of the second campus.

At the last two trustee meetings, concern was voiced over the forced resignation of Sidney Brossman, chancellor of the California Community Colleges and the recent statements by the governor saying that he was going to "put the brakes" on school financing next year.

Other persons throughout the state are also calling for unity. Ronald Myron, executive director of the California Community College Trustees, sent "an alert" to his members over Brown's appointment of five professional educators to the Board of Governors, which sets policy for the state's 104 community colleges. He says that the law requires these persons to be "outstanding lay citizens," not professionals from the field of education.

Paul Kirkpatrick, president of the California Community and Junior College Association, sent a letter that also expressed interest in the legality of these appointments. In addition, his attention was focused upon the emerging issue of state control versus local district autonomy.

★★★ Inside el DON ★★★

**Three federal employees work on this campus. Find out who they are on page 2.

**Even though the divorce rate is increasing, people still get married. Elizabeth Reich's column tells why on page 3.

**el Don takes a final look at the upcoming election and explores the candidates and the issues. See page 4.

**To find out why all the kids in California come to your door on Halloween eve, see page 5.

Customer, merchant behold! pay by phone future arrives

Editor's note: This is the first of a two-part series.

by Victor Cota

The future arrived in Seattle not long ago and has since spread southward. If you don't mind pushing digits to make payments or cash checks, it may be for you.

Washington's Mutual Savings Bank went operational with a system that allows customers to pay bills by phone. It calls the program the Passcard Plus and customers pay a \$2 a month fee for the convenience of paying any of 1,600 merchants or credit card companies through a computerized system.

The idea, taken from an earlier failure called In-Touch, was taken by the California Federal Savings and Loan Association in January 1975 and was put to use in an effort to provide its customers with a similar program.

"We have a terminal in 11

Vons supermarkets in the L.A. County that allow our customers the opportunity to do account transactions with us," Marketing Supervisor Wayne Anderson said from the association's headquarters in Los Angeles. "But we're not connected with the Seattle bank. Ours is different in concept."

While in the Electronic Funds Transfer System, used in Seattle, the customer pushes buttons or dials a phone, the California Federal method permits the people to do business with them from a supermarket's courtesy program booth where the merchant operates the terminal.

"The customer is given a plastic card with a magnetic code on the back called a pen number," reported Ken Montague, Cerritos' Vons program operator. "They are given a four-digit number which only the customers and the bank know.

"They fill out a transaction which lets them withdraw or deposit money or cash checks. A memory at California Federal records the transaction, then a number flashes here letting us know how the credit stands," Montague added.

He mentioned that over 1,500 entries have been made monthly since the program went into effect a year ago.

Customer reaction has been positive, Anderson and Montague confirmed, and stated that the future is bright, especially in Southern California.

Several Orange County banks and savings and loan associations spokespersons said their groups have been looking into the project and pending on future research and statistics to be gathered by the programs now in use, they too may provide such courtesies to their customers in the near future.

Campus News Briefs

Dance classes, recitals to be held

Five by Two, a New York-based dance company, will be holding a one-week residency at SAC and Chapman Colleges, Nov. 1-6.

Jane Kosminsky and Bruce Becker, husband and wife dance team, will present a master class in choreography, Nov. 1, from 12:30-1:30 p.m. The pair will give another technique class Nov. 4, from 11-12:30 p.m., both at Phillips Hall.

The couple will give two concerts at Chapman College Memorial Auditorium, Nov. 5, 10:15-11:05 a.m. and Nov. 6 at 8 p.m.

Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for students. The recitals are funded by the RSCCD and National Endowment of the Arts.

'Major Barbara' to open Nov. 4

Major Barbara, presented by the Theatre Arts Department, will run Thursday Nov. 4 to Saturday Nov. 6 at 8 p.m. Another show will be presented Sunday Nov. 7 at 5 p.m.

General admission is \$2, students \$1. For reservations and more information call 835-5971 or visit the Theatre Box Office between 1 and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Beaded African artpiece missing

The Art Department Faculty needs help in locating an African beaded leather skirt which was loaned for the current Art exhibit. If you have any information about the item, please report it to Judy McDonald or Mr. Ford, assistant dean of Humanities, in the Art Lobby Office, C-102.

Chess Club to host tourney

SAC's Chess Club will be hosting a championship tournament Nov. 9 and 10 in the Student Lounge.

Advance entry fee of 50 cents is required, or 75 cents must be paid the day of the event. Entry fees will be returned as cash prizes.

Bring your own chess sets. Both students and faculty are invited to participate. For more information call Bernie Loy at 541-3264.

Homecoming applications due

Homecoming Queen applications are due Monday, Nov. 1, in the Activities Office, U-12, at noon. The candidates will meet Tuesday, Nov. 2, there at noon.

Homecoming weekend is Nov. 20 with activities beginning the 17th. A goldfish eating contest, the Gremlin give-away and a concert and bar-b-que will highlight the week.

Campus Calendar

Counseling services are available on Saturdays from 8:30-11:30 a.m. to all currently enrolled students at SAC as well as those who plan to attend in the future.

The counselor is located in the Information Booth in the Admissions Office...

"Meeting Change Successfully," a six-week seminar, sponsored by the Women's Opportunity Center, will gather in room B-1 from 12:30-2 p.m., Tuesday Nov. 2.

Sue Camp, instructor, will hold the third meeting titled: "Personal Change." The presentation is free and everyone is welcome...

"The Highest Game and How to Play It," a lecture on self-awareness, will be presented today by Anne Sloan, Continuing Education instructor. It will be held in the Faculty Lounge...

Forensics produces talent; maintains winning record

The SAC Forensics team competed in its second tournament last Saturday at Cal State Los Angeles, and came home with several awards.

David Lane, who was entered in the Extemporaneous - Oral Interpretation division, won a Superior certificate and placed third in the final round. Paul Fabrizio, who, like Lane, is a returning member, won two Excellent awards in the

Expository and Extemporaneous categories.

Receiving Excellent awards in the Novice division were Mike Stowell and Art Posik.

Two weeks ago, the team competed at El Camino College and the results were also impressive.

Two of the students, Fabrizio and Bob Sparks, each won a Superior certificate. Excellent awards went to Lucy Diaz, Ron Dagostino, Lynda Williams, Stowell, Martha Gutierrez, Posik and Tom Malkus.

Ken Turknette, the team's advisor, was happy about the outcome.

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GIVING ASSISTANCE - Federal Veterans Administration representatives Art Conger (l) and Mark McNeil help two former servicewomen with their benefits. The third rep., Charles Alberts, was

not available at the time of the photo. Their office is in B building, located near the new soccer field and east of the Don Bookstore.

(photo by Chris Ablott)

Once unwanted, VA reps help vets through red-tape hassles

by Russell Chesley

When Art Conger, Charles Alberts and Mark McNeil came to SAC a little over two years ago as Veterans Administration (VA) representatives, there was some reluctance to accept them with open arms.

Ara Boranian, dean of Student Support Services, said, "We're autonomous from the federal government, and we didn't want a branch of the federal bureaucracy interfering with our program for veterans at SAC."

"At first it was thought that the VA was trying to compete with the HEW program already here. We wanted no confrontation and we didn't know what to expect."

"As it turned out, we decided they had the same purpose, to facilitate benefits to veterans, and we felt they should be right with us."

Now, Boranian has nothing but praise for the vet reps. "They have really helped with

troubleshooting. They are a direct line to the VA and they really open doors."

For their part, the federal representatives are happy with the way things have worked out at SAC. "We get fantastic support," said Conger. "Without it we couldn't carry out our mission."

"Our job is to help out anyone with a veteran problem, not just students but also faculty and members of the community. We can help the veteran with home loans, applications for compensation, dental and medical care, drug programs and student benefits."

Conger emphasized the one-to-one relationship between representative and veteran. "We attempt to relate to individual problems. Often they don't lie with the VA but with the student or the school, and a relatively minor problem might be a huge one for the individual involved."

"If there's a hang-up anywhere along the line, the veteran usually doesn't know where to turn. We try to get him pointed in the right direction and expedite the process at every level."

Women's Center provides opportunity, enlightenment

by Kim Kavanagh

Women's liberation has been a thriving issue for the past century, creating many prominent programs across the nation such as the League of Women Voters, the National Organization of Women (NOW), and, recently, the Women's Opportunity Center, at SAC.

The center dawned on campus in the fall semester of '74 and is regarded as an extension of counseling and guidance.

Ann Peralta, coordinator of the women's organization, feels it is not limited only to females.

"Any man who would like to take advantage of the program is welcome," she said.

Joyce Earl, SAC counselor, said, "We're a people center... taking emotionally healthy people and making them healthier."

The main objectives of WOC are to increase self-awareness; to provide experiences that will inspire women to pursue education and help them adjust to college; to investigate the imaginative use of leisure time; to stimulate opportunities for exploration of careers; and to coordinate intra-campus and inter-campus programs.

Ideas have been generating in the minds of WOC members as to the directions they wish to take in the seminars. Creative divorce, human sexuality, single parenthood, life-style change, aging, death and dying are among the many to be possibly offered.

The campus seminars mentioned above range from "Focus on Feminism" to "Meeting Change Successfully."

Rap sessions are a regular activity presented by the women's center. Counselors Dick Bartholomew, Rick Wallace and Earl will take part in the discussions.

What will they talk about? Earl explains, "Basically we're

dealing with the needs of the people... mainly designed for growth experiences... the development of human potential."

Another activity sponsored by WOC is Outreach. Linda Yeargin, a student from UCI, working on her M.A. in marriage and family counseling, has just joined the forces of the center for six hours a week to work with Outreach.

"The idea is to provide information about the Women's Center and how it can be of help," commented Yeargin.

She travels off campus to community agencies and various adult night classes to spread the word of WOC.

The women's liberation movement, in Ann Peralta's opinion, is becoming more progressive because of the many different factions and opinions in the organization, but due to those same wide-ranging judgements, unity and solidarity are blocked. Nevertheless, she envisions a trend towards "human liberation."

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Editorial

el DON outlines propositions for student voter information

With the election nearing, many people will inevitably go to the polls unprepared, unsure of how to vote, not only in the widely publicized Presidential decision, but also in the 15 propositions affecting Orange County.

Here is a quick overview describing the proposed laws. el DON hopes it will help everyone in their final choice Tuesday.

Proposition 1 provides a bond outcome of \$500 million to supply funds for financing housing for persons of low or moderate income, principally by the use of direct loans.

The second proposed act plans to use \$280 million for recreational requirements for Californians by acquiring, restoring and using real property for state and local park, beach, recreational and historical purposes.

Proposition 3 provides a bond issue of \$25 million to supply funds for residential energy insulation and solar heating and cooling methods.

The fourth act proposes to authorize the Legislature to require the University of California system to comply with competitive bidding principles in making contracts for building and sale of real property; and for purchasing materials, goods and services. It also prohibits a school to discriminate admission on grounds of race, religion or ethnic heritage as well as sex.

Proposition 5 permits interest charges of no more than 10 per cent a year, exempt are banks, credit unions and savings and loan associations. There is no fiscal effect on state or local governments.

The sixth amendment extends from 12 to 30 days the time for the Governor's veto of bills submitted to him after adjournment of Legislature for study recess at end of first year of legislative session. The financial effect is yet undeterminable.

Proposition 7 contends that the name "Commission on Judicial Qualifications" be changed to "Commission on Judicial Performance." It allows Supreme Court to remove judges for "persistent failure or inability" rather than for "wilful and persistent failure" to perform their duties. It permits the commission to admonish judges who act improperly or are derelict in their job and provides the Commission recommendations for censure, removal or retirement of Supreme Court judges to be

determined by seven court of appeals judges selected by lot.

Proposition 8 authorizes selection of county school superintendents either by appointment of the county Board of Education or election, at the decision of the electorate. Financial impact is yet undeterminable.

The ninth proposed amendment requires confirmation by Legislature before the Governor's appointees to fill vacancies in offices of Superintendent of Public Instruction, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Controller, Treasurer, Attorney General and State Board of Equalization.

The tenth act prohibits local governments whose geographic boundaries include area in two or more counties from levying property taxes, unless approved by majority vote of qualified voters of local government voting on question.

Proposition 11 amends that Legislature adjust tax rates on personal property and possessory interests and improvements on land exempt from taxation when assessment ratios are changed to maintain equality between property.

The twelfth ballot authorizes Legislature to provide program of state loans at lower than prevailing interest rates to pay for installation of energy insulation, solar heating or cooling systems in residential structures. There is no direct state or local fiscal effect.

Proposition 13 allows the California Racing Commission to license and develop greyhound dog racing by qualified associations.

The Agricultural Labor Relations amendment, Proposition 14, includes: access for union organizers to property of employers for certain periods; at least 50 per cent of employees to petition for decertification of union; and Board to provide employer-supplied lists of agricultural employees to persons involved in elections.

The fifteenth ballot amends initiative statute pertaining to chiropractors to supply an addition of two public members to State Board of Chiropractic Examiners. The school or college must be accredited by Council on Chiropractic Education before graduates are eligible to apply for licenses to practice.

For further information on the proposed acts, all registered voters should have received the California Voters Pamphlet in the mail. The publication is of great importance and should not be overlooked.

Elizabeth Reich

Natural tendencies keep marriage going



It is described as the woman's dungeon and a chain around the man's neck. Yet the noble institution of marriage continues to flourish among our species.

In a society that has rid itself of such things as horsedrawn carriages and candle-lighting, one of the oldest, most primitively-contrived modes of living continues to make its rounds among friends and strangers alike. Is there a definite reason for this phenomenon?

Looking at ourselves biologically, it is true that cells, when near each other, have a natural tendency to unite. An example of our own innate quality may be cited when considering the multitude of gay couples, who if permitted legally, would marry in an instant.

It's hard to think of just one adequate explanation to describe why humans seemingly leap into the arrangement. Plato once stated that all of us are born incomplete, and remain so until we find our predestined other self. Many still believe that somewhere, lurking among the everyday mass of populace, is the man/woman perfectly suited to themselves -- the other half that makes us all complete.

Possibly what we are looking for is simply a best friend, someone to share our secrets, be loyal to and be at ease with. No matter how terrible marriage appears to some, the idea of being totally comfortable with another is intriguing to others.

Although, in my opinion, the so-called sexual revolution has little to do with it (have people really changed that much or have they just started putting everything out in the open for all to see and hear?), marriage today is rather complex compared to that of grandmother's age. Unlike the television commercials that continually portray the female as the battered and used housewife, today's woman is not as likely to be as quiet and subservient as she might have been years ago. Another difference is in the importance of children in the commitment. Nowadays, partners are more likely to demand greater independence and freedom on a day-to-day basis.

Thank goodness for the difference, because the old, typical traditional institution does not interest me one bit.

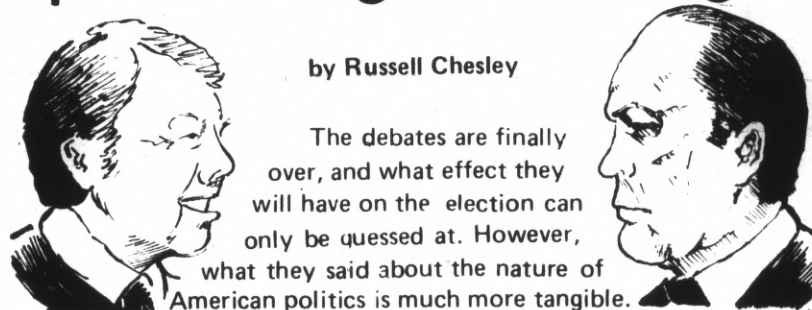
With the many available opportunities open to me, all dangling at the end of a string, I doubt that marriage itself will entice me for quite some time. But that's not to say that the arrangement will never beck and call.

After all, I'm only human, and how does that famous saying go, "To err is..."

Commentary

Presidential debates: preserving their images

by Russell Chesley



The debates are finally over, and what effect they will have on the election can only be guessed at. However, what they said about the nature of American politics is much more tangible.

The debates we saw over national television constituted a tremendous non-event. Judging from what went on, the primary purpose seemed to be to put the voter to sleep. It would be difficult to imagine more numbing conditions under which to conduct a Presidential contest than the bland atmosphere that surrounded the broadcasts.

Neither Carter nor Ford said anything that could possibly be construed as forceful or dynamic. No important new questions were raised, and the tired ideologies were trotted out once again.

Throughout the debates, the two candidates seemed more intent on preserving the image than on making valid points. Saving face was apparently more crucial than saying anything of substance. Maybe the media really is the message.

Perhaps it is the image merchants, after all, who reign over American politics, and who have given us Presidential contenders to fit our national mood, much as clothes merchants give us fashions to fit our fancy.

If this were true, we could find who we are from our candidates. Unfortunately, we wouldn't be a great society, dedicated to freedom and independence of thought. Our historic conception of ourselves would be nothing more than a myth.

We would be a people who would have small men for leaders, who would tolerate men as candidates for President whose highest aspirations are to be average guys and whose actions seem calculated to show their feet of clay.

The fact that we have accepted precisely such men and been persuaded to watch them make fools of us, indicates the degree to which we are being manipulated. We are perfectly willing to agree with Barbara Walters when she calls debates exclusive of minority candidates "a remarkable display of democracy."

Out of fear or ennui, we have tacitly given our approval to a game in which we will be the ultimate losers. The debates demonstrated that we have forsaken true democracy for the mere image of it.

Can it be that Big Brother is here early, and that he has brought us gifts of images called Ford and Carter?

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Ford

Stumbling out of the blocks

by Smith Pineo

The American people don't want a candidate "who makes promises he can't deliver, but one who will deliver what he promises," says President Ford.

The Ford camp is offering a candidate who they feel has the necessary abilities to govern effectively, contending his record as President proves this.

Tax relief for middle-income families has been an issue heavily dwelled upon by both Ford and Carter. At an Orange County rally Sunday attended by over 20,000 persons, the President stated that his administration had been responsible for tax cuts already and that in the next four years that trend would continue.

During his first elected term as President, Ford said he plans to increase personal tax exemptions for middle-income families to add an average of \$1,200 in tax breaks per household.

The Ford campaign has worked two major issues, foreign policy (or defense) and unemployment, into an attack on Carter. "Carter has proposed a cut in the defense budget of 5 to 7 billion dollars," the President said. He argued that the cutbacks, in the form of troop withdrawals from foreign bases as proposed by his opponent, would result in the weakening of U.S. military strength world-wide.

He also stated that our nation must deal from a position of strength, adding that levels of nuclear defense equal to or surpassing those of the U.S.S.R. must be maintained in order to do so.

Jobs, the President said, would be lost if Carter's cutbacks were enacted. He brought up the fact that the B-1 bomber plants, as well as many other defense-materials production outfits, would be shut down, adding to unemployment under the Georgia governor's plans.

During his campaign, Ford has directed efforts at showing that Gov. Carter is fuzzy on his stands on the issues, that his plans for tax relief along with increased federal spending are unrealistic, that the man is simply "unpresidential."

Ford's opponents, however, stress that his policies have brought about the highest levels of unemployment since the Great Depression and that his economic programs have given breaks to businesses and not to the people who need it.

Both supporters and opponents agree, however, that with President Ford, what you've seen is what you get.

Carter

Lusting after the Presidency

by Sean Reilly

The man walked to the platform grinning widely. His looks were reminiscent of the Kennedys, but that resemblance disappeared when he spoke in a Southern drawl. "My name is Jimmy Carter and I am running for President," he said.

Last year that introduction would have been necessary even amongst his fellow Democratic Party members, but today he is the focal point of the party. Humphrey, Wallace, Kennedy and Brown have taken the back seat to Jimmy Carter.

Born in a hard-working religious atmosphere in the South, Carter was raised on the farmlands of Georgia. From that foundation he has climbed his way through school, the military and politics to become the leading candidate for President of the United States.

Carter is somewhat of an idealist who wants to solve the problems of the country. He wants to be a leader by his own admission. These traits have given him trouble, though, for he seems to have an answer for every problem.

This has left him open to criticism by his opponents for the vagueness of his solutions.

His economic goal is to create jobs through government projects and bring the unemployment down to 4 per cent.

He thinks that busing should be voluntary. He is against abortion personally but doesn't want a constitutional amendment prohibiting it. The solution is in sex education classes he says.

He wants to use economic power of the U.S. in detente and in dealing in foreign countries who threaten embargo.

Carter believes in trimming the military budget and thinks he can do it without weakening the armed forces.

"I'd class him as a moderate. He dreams big, but does it in a conservative way," said one of his election advisers.

Through a shrewdly acted out plan which started four years ago, Carter has risen from a political unknown to a man on the path to the White House. The steps haven't been easy but Jimmy Carter has been willing to take them. He believes in his ability to be a good President.

by Brian Bergsetter

"If the Republicans don't hold the Presidency, we're in serious trouble. If we do hold the Presidency, we're only in moderate trouble," stated Bert Rebeaud, finance director of the Orange County Republican Central Committee.

Political indications show Orange County is swinging toward the Democratic party. The area, usually considered a Republican stronghold, now has only a slim margin of 41 per cent registered Republicans against 38 per cent Democrats.

Rebeaud emphasized that the party counts on this county's Republican majority to help carry the state. Reagan supporters within the area haven't shown great enthusiasm in aiding the Ford camp, but Rebeaud feels that a segment of independent voters may vote Republican.

These people will be judging the GOP platform. The party's philosophy is to curb employment by encouraging jobs in the business sector.

Republicans

GOP faces uncertain future

On the energy issue, the Republicans offer no specifics, but urge more money be spent on research in order to develop the best sources of energy.

On other domestic topics, the GOP supports a national space program, confirms protection of those using legitimate arms but proposes outlawing Saturday night specials and feels the question of capital punishment should be left to the states.

In foreign affairs, the Republican platform differs little from that of the Democrats with both parties supporting detente as a means of dealing with our enemies.

No one knows how the independents will vote, but Rebeaud hopes they will cast their ballots for Republicans if only to save the two-party system. He argues that domination of government by one party will increase corruption and destroy the Republicans' role as watchdogs of the Democrats.

The GOP's fate will be determined at the polls in November.



by Kim Kavanagh

All's well on the Democratic front in Orange County with only four days remaining until the decisive event -- the Presidential election.

The Orange County headquarters, located in Fullerton on Highland Avenue at Commonwealth Street, is bustling with action in the final days, getting the vote out for their candidate -- Jimmy Carter.

Orange County is famous for its Republican status and Bob Burk, Carter's press secretary here, has undertaken the challenge.

Each day two to three representatives from the Democratic headquarters visit various high schools and colleges outlining the philosophy platform and to encourage students to vote.

The basic theme is to put government back where it belongs according to the electorate -- the people.

Some of the key issues of the Democratic platform are:

1. Abortion—does not support a constitutional amendment that would return the decision to the state or to make abortions illegal.
2. Amnesty—an immediate unconditional pardon for all Vietnam draft dodgers.

Democrats

Is it really in the bag?

3. Budgeting—To establish improved management techniques combined with the added revenues of a full-employment economy.

4. Busing—does not favor mandatory busing, but opposes a constitutional amendment which would ban busing.

5. Consumer protection—supports a national consumer education program. Also favors a strong related federal agency.

But the question arises: How will the government be able to afford these programs in the budget?

Burk replies, "Cut out all the waste, profit, and over-administering in all branches of the government."

Whether that change will be a Carter-Mondale administration, no one will know until the aftermath of next Tuesday.

Hayakawa

Stresses common sense solutions

by Brian Bergsetter

Will California voters oust a young senator, John Tunney, in favor of Sam Hayakawa, an ex-college president just turned seventy?

Supporters are hopeful that the former San Francisco State administrator will join Alan Cranston in Washington.

The GOP senatorial candidate emphasizes common sense solutions for the Golden State's problems.

On the issue of California agriculture, Hayakawa attacks Proposition 14 since he feels this initiative would permit union organizers to trespass on a farm employer's land without the owner's permission.

He further blasts the proposition since he believes it would lock into law the flaws of a mismanaged State Agriculture Labor Relations Board. He feels that agriculture be brought under the National Labor Relations Board.

To end the scope and magnitude of federal agencies and their abuse, the GOP challenger proposes that every bill creating a new agency contain a self-destructive clause terminating it after three years unless it is re-enacted.

To reduce unemployment, Hayakawa favors encouraging business expansion by curbing federal regulations and taxation. He advocates easing minimum wage laws, thus creating more job opportunities for youth.

During the debate in Universal City, Hayakawa attacked Tunney's role in cutting aid to Angola. He felt that this gave "the Communists a green light to take over in Africa wherever they wished."

Hayakawa feels he understands the frustrations of California's electorate and that his ideas are common sense solutions to the problems of government.

Tunney

Fighting for his future

by Mike Smith

John Tunney and S.I. Hayakawa agree on a few subjects, but are sharply divided on others.

Tunney favors Proposition 14 as a way to achieve organization within farm labor elections, which aides describe now as a "free for all." Tunney originally supported the Farm Labor Act of 1975, but the California Legislature blocked funding for the act, thereby making it ineffective, according to Tunney.

Tunney agrees with Hayakawa that constitutional amendments banning bussing and abortion should be opposed, and that the B-1 bomber should be supported.

Tunney opposes Hayakawa's plan to ease minimum wage and child labor laws, saying, "You don't lower the minimum wage to allow children to compete with their parents for jobs when there are 7.5 million unemployed."

Tunney proposes a \$15 billion tax cut to put more money in the hands of consumers and stimulate the economy, thereby easing unemployment.

He also supports the Humphrey-Hawkins Bill, and has authored a bill to provide tax credits to businesses to hire the unemployed.

Tunney stands against what he calls "needless programs" in the Senate, and is co-sponsoring a bill to require government agencies to prove "they're performing a job worth doing."

Hayakawa has charged that Tunney has a high rate of absenteeism in the Senate, but Tunney supporters counter that the incumbent had one of the best attendance records for the first five years of his term, and that his record of achievement attests to his initiative and diligence.

No beat allowed for Suzanne, SAC's female security guard

by Julia Romero

"Officer Suzanne Serdahely is over-qualified for what she's doing," stated Thomas Trawick, of SAC security. "The department has never had anyone with as much knowledge in her position."

What exactly does she do? Suzanne answers telephones, dispatches calls, passes out tokens to guests who need to leave the visitors lot, files documents and handles paperwork for citations. She happens to be the only female on the security staff at SAC.

Serdahely is very knowledgeable about what she's doing and where she's going as a police science major. Her secretarial duties don't seem like adequate police experience, but Suzanne knows that it is only a stepping stone to becoming a policewoman. As a part-time reserve officer she rides along with the Santa Ana Police Department, but plans to apply for a full-time position in February when she turns 21.

Despite Serdahely's experience with the SAPD, she is not allowed to walk a beat around the campus. The only calls she is permitted to handle are child or female-related incidents. Originally, she was required to buy summer and winter uniforms for work on campus, but because of the beat restriction, she does not wear them.

She claimed that the Board of Trustees does not approve of a female on patrol. "I feel if a city police department has faith in me, I don't know why the board doesn't trust me to handle patrol on the college," stated Serdahely.

Serdahely has spent seven months at the Orange County Sheriff's Academy with an experimental training group. They were taught criminal law, search and seizure, arrest procedures, weaponless defense, shooting methods and police codes (usual basic reserve training takes 14 weeks).

After working with the SAPD night patrol and "search and uncuff" at the Orange County jail, Serdahely finds the most difficult people to handle are the SAC staff members, faculty and students. Most of her contact during the day is with people who are upset about the traffic citations they've received.

Trawick remarked, "Suzanne knows her business and handles it professionally. She takes things real cool."



OVER-QUALIFIED? -- Suzanne Serdahely, the only female security guard on SAC's campus, has better qualifications for her job than would be required. (photo by David Vetter)

Third party candidate too often overlooked

by John E. Lee

"I like Eugene McCarthy's style," said John Schmitz. "I like him running as an independent."

At first glance, this is a surprising statement from the Orange County politician, who is as far to the right as McCarthy is to the left.

Currently a SAC political science instructor, the avowed conservative has been a state senator and a U.S. Congressman.

He does not endorse McCarthy, but he understands the liberal senator's motives and tactics. He knows them from the inside.

In 1972, Schmitz ran for President under the banner of the American Independent Party (AIP) -- the same group that George Wallace led in 1968.

At a recent interview, he discussed the role of minor parties and independent candidates in American politics.

"Political scientists," he said, "have made the point that the minor parties are a weather vane as to which way the major parties will go in the future."

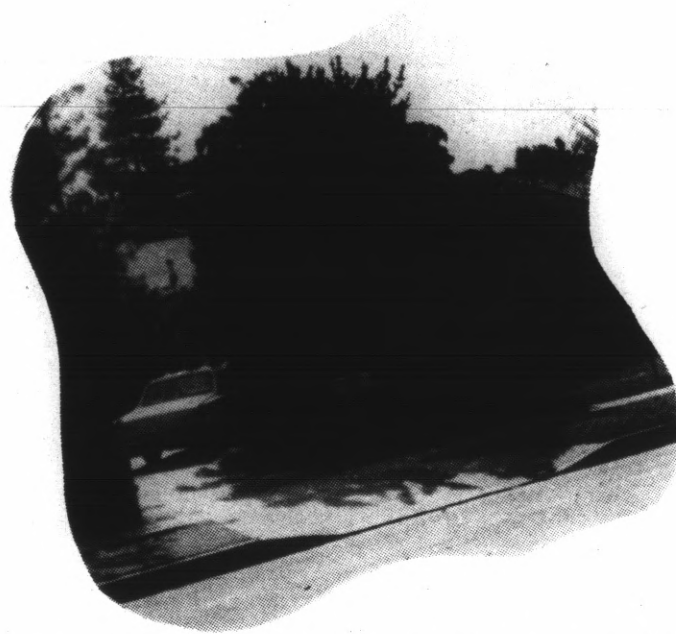
Third parties wield a negative brand of power. They rarely win, but can sometimes cost the Republicans or Democrats an election.

A major party tends to absorb the positions of a powerful splinter group, attracting its voters and neutralizing any threat it poses.

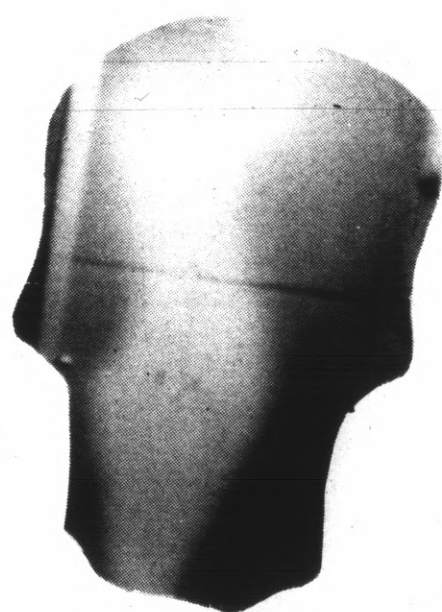
"The minor parties today aren't worried about this election," said Schmitz. "They're worried about future elections. The other parties chase their splinter vote."

He criticized the media for ignoring independents, describing the common attitude as, "On the one hand we have the real candidates, on the other hand, we have the funny candidates."

Schmitz also accused the media of showing a liberal bias. "When the votes were counted four years ago," he said, "I had, nationally, over a million votes. And yet, the day after the election, it was Dr. Spock (Peace and Freedom Party, 100,000 votes) who was on the Today Show as a spokesman for third party candidates."



HAUNTED HOUSE -- Poltergeists inhabit a new tract home in Santa Ana. They appear as ghost-like



forms start up cars and generally make a nuisance of themselves for the present owner.

Year-round Halloween uncomfortable for living

photos and story
by James C. Stoughton

When most people hear the words haunted house, they think of an old, dilapidated mansion of Victorian style, looming on the crest of a hill with the family cemetery nearby.

But who would ever think that a modern tract home in Santa Ana could be inhabited by an unearthly power from beyond the grave? One such place belongs to 18-year-old James P. Smithhart of Santa Ana.

Smithhart's mother passed away in 1971, after which strange and unusual occurrences started. He sensed the strong smell of flowers in parts of the house as an example, and at certain times, Smithhart experienced the presence of something grasping and comforting in his hand. Smithhart stated, "My mother used to do that when she was alive, and she knew that I was troubled in making an important decision."

These happenings continued for the next few years off and on. But they started to taper off in the early part of 1975. Later, in October, Smithhart's father died.

After his father's death, things went from bad to worse. "I had a really expensive set of family rings tucked away here at home. I was the only

person who knew where they were hidden, now for some unexplained reason, they're missing."

Smithhart went on to say, "Once when I was lying in my bed, I became momentarily paralyzed just as if some giant electrical force had jolted me. It finally went away after I recited the rosary."

One night when Smithhart was eating his dinner, things finally came to a head. Smithhart's 1965 Herald Triumph started itself up and went through the garage door. Things such as cold spots in the hallway, and a vapor-like area near Smithhart's linen closets are now commonplace.

"I think that it's finally begun to cool off and I'll begin to get back to some form of normality. My step-brother and I plan to put on a haunted house for the neighborhood children on Halloween. My mother will be gone five years on the 31st. I hope that things don't get carried away that night."

When asked if he actually believes that the inhabitants are his mother and father, Smithhart replied, "I believe so, I don't think that they are trying to hurt me, but rather continue protecting and watching after me even though they've passed over into the next world."

Halloween's rituals have serious origins

by Ron Mills

Although the celebration of Halloween is one of frivolity and merry-making today, it was once a very serious day in the lives of the people of many cultures.

Its origin is attributed to the Druids of Ireland who worshipped the sun. To the Druids, November 1 was the first day of the new year, and the day before was the time that Saman, the lord of death, summoned the souls of all the wicked who had been condemned to inhabit the bodies of animals during the year past.

During the rule of the Romans in Great Britain, the Druids were outlawed, but their rituals of Saman not only continued but were contributed to through the Roman festival of Pomona, who was their goddess of the harvests, particularly in the orchards. Thus the significance of the Poma (Roman word for apple) came about during Halloween celebrations.

Many cultures are involved in the development of Halloween as we know it today, but the deepest roots are in the British Isles.

The bonfires of the Druids, the Jack-o-lantern and the deep-rooted belief in witchery all can be attributed to this geographical area.

These myths and superstitions were the bases for one of the most disgraceful periods of history on this continent. Namely, the infamous witch trials of Salem Village.

Nineteen innocent persons were hanged on Gallows Hill after their conviction on charges of practicing witchcraft and being in league with the devil.

The evidence that ultimately convicted the defendants was labeled spectral and was entered by a group called the afflicted children. These young persons, all girls, were probably the most accomplished thespians of the era. They would enter into convulsions as a result of a slight glance from one of the accused.

Shortly after these hangings the afflicted children lost their credibility and ultimately confessed to their play acting.

An irony exists in the case of these convicted witches because the Massachusetts State Legislature in 1954 undertook to review their cases and did overturn six of them.

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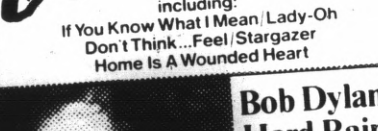
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Fall to Mesa, 21-7

OCC next for struggling gridgers

by Victor Cota

In the battle of the South Coast Conference's first-year coaches, San Diego Mesa's Len Smorin and SAC's Howard

Black, it was Smorin who came out smiling as his Olympians outscored Black's Dons, 21-7.

The victory improved Mesa's record to 5-1 (2-1 conference),

while it dropped SAC's to 1-4 (0-2 conference). The Olympians were rated first in the state and sixth in the nation a few weeks ago, but lost the rankings after

losing to OCC the previous game.

The week before Mesa forfeited to the Pirates, they had beaten Fullerton, then atop the national slate. The Olympians gained much publicity after that win, but later lost some of it after dropping the contest to OCC.

While glory has been enjoyed by these and other schools, SAC has been a victim of that success.

First, the Dons faced Mt. SAC when the Mounties were rated first in California and lost by one TD. Then last Saturday fell to the Olympians. Another stiff test will be tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m. as they face OCC at the Santa Ana Bowl.

"We have a good opportunity to win," said coach Howard Black. "We have been getting better every week.

"We'll try to balance our passing and running attack," he added.

If the Dons can play up to Black's expectations, then they may have a chance to avenge last year's 41-13 loss.

In the passing category, SAC has come up with a fireballer in Steve Cody. Cody has completed 48 passes out of 117 attempts for 550 yards in five games, although he hasn't been the only QB to see action.

The freshman signal caller threw for the only score against Mesa last week, hitting tight-end Steve Volmer for a 10-yard TD strike.

The running match appears to be gelling with Clarence Jackson leading the way. The busy tailback broke the century mark last week for the first time in his college career as he picked up 138 yards on 22 carries.

For the year Jackson has run with the ball 72 times and has gained 316 yards.

Going into tomorrow's game against the 1975 National Champions, SAC will try to improve on the series record of 16-12, the edge held by OCC. Both schools first met in 1948 and the Dons won the opener, 13-6.

ALL STARS

A reason why SAC won the tourney -- Spikers Penny Leialoha (left), Dolly Kaawa and Angie Andrade were selected on the All Star team at the California College Tournament, which was won by the Dons. Kaawa received the MVP award. Coach Nancy Warren (upper right) was named Coach of the Year.



Netters view top ranking

by Jim Hughes

With a 2-1 league record under their belts, SAC's mixed doubles tennis teams will face Riverside today in non-league play.

"They beat us handily last time," coach Lee Ramirez said. Though SAC lost with a 9-2

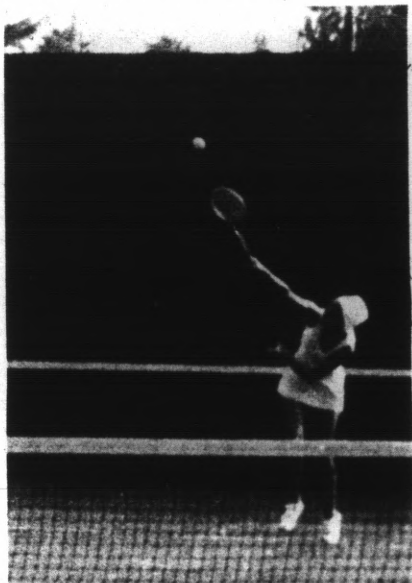
score in the last matchup, Ramirez feels that they can win this time around. "We plan to reverse it this time," he added.

The only squad to beat the coeds was Glendale with a 4-3 score. "It was really close," Ramirez said. "We were still

experimenting with the way we were playing our teams."

With their 4-4 season, and 2-1 league record, the team is in the top portion of the league. "We should be no less than second place," the coach continued.

A home match against West



SPARKPLUGS

Tops -- Kim Burns (left) and Mike Chawalek show style that has placed them ahead of the list on the coed tennis squad.

ATHLETE'S NOTES

Soccer -- The kickers, continuing one victory after another, defeated Mt. SAC 2-0 here last Friday. Today the team hopes to win its fifth conference game against Cerritos College on SAC's field at 3:30 p.m. Next Tuesday the squad will play Fullerton. Previously planned for their field, the game was rescheduled for the Santa Ana Bowl. Kickoff will be at 2:30 p.m.

Water Polo -- For the first time in six years the watermen beat Fullerton last Friday, 6-5. High scoring team members were Brian Pope and Garrit Slingerland, both 2 points. The poloists will be playing another conference game next Tuesday against San Diego Mesa there. Coach Gaughran stated, "It's hard to say what team will be easy or not; when you're in there playing they all look hard. The only thing to do is to go into the game with the hope and determination to win."

Women's Volleyball -- Nancy Warren's netters finished the San Bernardino Valley College California State Tournament taking first place last weekend. Playing against eight colleges in Southern California, SAC finished ahead of LA Valley in second and El Camino College in third. At the finish of the tournament a panel of coaches and judges chose an all-star team composed of the best players of each team. Chosen from SAC's team were Angie Andrade, Penny Leialoha and Dolly Kaawa. Out of six players picked, Kaawa was awarded best player of the tournament.

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LA was held yesterday, but results were not in at press time.

SAC beat Trade Tech last week, making it their second league win. The mixed doubles pulled off a one-sided, 6-1 victory.

Tom Hannah Mike Chawalek (who alternate with each other), and Dave Smith are the leading players for the men. While Kim Burns and Diann Sloniger head the girls. "Mike and Kim, and Dave and Diann are the way that we have been pairing them up," Ramirez said.

Going out for coed tennis in the spring gives players a chance to compete throughout the year. "One-half to two-thirds of the players out now will be playing in the spring," Ramirez stated.

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Past forgotten; cagers move on

by Dave Busch

"We're still optimistic!" emphasized Coach Sally Palmer, casting that old sports cliché.

Smiling to herself, coach Palmer was evaluating the women's basketball team and its prospects for the rest of the season. So far, of the six pre-season and one conference game reported by press time, the cagers have reaped only one win, an 87-48 victory against Riverside College. (The results of Wednesday's game with Compton were not available for this article.)

The team will be working to turn the momentum around tonight when they travel to Cerritos College. According to Coach Palmer, SAC is "pretty evenly matched" in their contest with the Falcons.

With continued good performances by high scorers Angie Andrade and Pam Smith, the key to the game could be whether or not the Dons will be able to overcome the handicaps that have plagued the team.

Palmer was cautious in her comments to el DON after a mis-attribution of a quote that appeared Oct. 15 intensified the internal problems of the already ailing women's team.

"There were some group conflicts and the article came at a bad time," explained the coach. A squad meeting was devoted to the problems and everyone seems to have put the issues in the past.

Another hurdle is the fact that for many of the players this is the first time they have participated in competitive sports. Coaching college basketball is a new role for Palmer as well.

After what Athletic Director Dave Valentine termed a successful season for Palmer guiding women's softball last spring, she was moved to basketball this fall.

In the rescheduling, Valentine mentioned Palmer's experience officiating the sport as a consideration in his choice.

Beyond her optimism, after playing seven of 18 slated games, coach Palmer felt it was still too early to make any long range predictions of the team's chances in the conference, which is just now beginning its competition.

Runners 8th in state

by Ray Crawford

Run . . . Run . . . Run . . . To be a competent performer in cross country, it's virtually imperative that the harrier be obsessed with running. Countless hours of training must be achieved in a week before a cross countryman can vision any type of success at a meet.

"We usually run about 60-90 miles a week," stated Joe Dowling, the top harrier on SAC's team. "In the morning we run eight miles . . . and in the afternoon we run six."

Dowling, a 5'9" sophomore from Mater Dei, has repeatedly led the Dons to super performances. At the Mt. SAC Invitational last week, he and his fellow teammates ran admirably against the state's best squads.

"We had an excellent showing," said coach Howard Brubaker in an enthusiastic tone of voice. "Right now we're ranked eighth in the state."

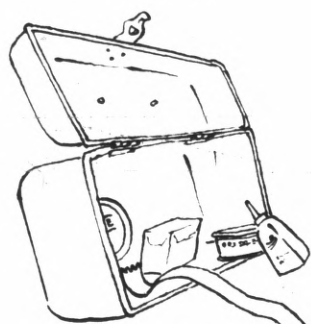
Outside of Dowling, Brubaker's crew has received outstanding support from freshman Marv Alvarez, Mark Cleary and Ramon Estrada. Their contributions have aided the squad immensely. "I'm pleased in the way our freshman have run," added Brubaker.

Next Tuesday, Dowling and his cross country cohorts will make their bid for a conference championship at Fullerton College.

For Dowling, an individual title is on the line. "I kinda hope to get in the top five," said the blonde-haired ace with a smile. "But, if I'm with the leaders in the last 400 yards . . . I could win."

Hopefully, Dowling and the Dons will come home triumphant.

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He's called the equipment manager, the "caged" man and even Hilt, but . . .



his real name is Hilton Henninger.



SAC's equipment manager

The 'caged' man? It's Hilt!

by Gary Witte

Anybody who has contact with men's athletics has met the "caged" equipment manager. But if you don't ask for "Hilt," it's doubtful anyone will know who Hilton Henninger really is.

Bearing a household name amongst athletes, Hilt is the man behind the scenes and a key to the Don's sports programs. Repairing, maintaining, marking, distributing and collecting the equipment hardly begins to purport his duties.

"Trying to keep in front of these young men and women keeps me young and on my toes" —Henninger.

The term "cage" was probably coined when the equipment room was protected by wire fencing and a manager was put behind wires. It is like he's in a cage, but at times, with entire teams wrestling for gear issuance, it is difficult to divine who is really behind bars.

Hilt was caged here at SAC eight years ago after beginning his vocation in Laguna Beach and Santa Ana High Schools, taping, training and applying minor first aid.

"Football helmets didn't have facemasks, the padding was very crude and other sports didn't have much equipment," he remembered.

Hilton came out west from the mining fields of Pennsylvania where he drove mules or mined for 16 years, until he was 32. "I would rather sell apples on a street corner than return to those mines," he noted.

Hilt mentioned that he was very glad to be in a position of service. It has been 27 years since he arrived in Laguna Beach and began his vocation.

"Hilt and his assistant, Allen Griffith, are like our right arm. We are delighted with the way they take care of our equipment. They do an excellent job," exclaimed Howard Black, SAC's football coach.

"Trying to keep in front of these young men and women keeps me young and on my toes" he chuckled, "because I have to continually out-guess them."

"California and my job have been very, very good to me. It is what I really enjoy and it has no drawbacks to speak of," he beamed.

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